

## Minutes for MBAC meeting-Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 2007

There were approximately 18 people in attendance.

1. Mike Sanderson, a 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student, presented his 4<sup>th</sup> year medical school project. The content contained an assessment of the MBAC. Overall the MBAC is doing well. On the “bikability” checklist there are concerns with the streets we ride on regarding potholes, etc. Other issues with safety were rated as “good”. Overall the statistics for “fatalities per 100,000” has declined from 5 to less than 1. (state statistics). Injuries and bike/motor vehicle crashes from 5 to 3 per 100,000 population.

2. Transportation- Dan Bergenthal reported that new and decorative bike racks will be placed around downtown. “Sharrows” will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> south.

3. Environmental report- Jordan Gates reported that during the most recent “sting” operation, the few cyclists that were given citations were for wrong way riding and sidewalk riding. Discussion followed on how to get the message out to those that ride bikes but are not a part of what we would call the “bike community” affiliated with the MBAC. Jordan suggested more educational handouts. Laura Howat emphasized the need for bike safety to be incorporated into Physical Education classes to reach children who ride bikes. The SLC bike collective is continuing its efforts to reach all cyclists as well.

Jordan also stated that “complete streets” policy is soon to be signed. He has also starting working on paper work making Salt Lake city a “Bike friendly community” for the League of American Bicyclists.

4. Bill Farrand of PRATT (the group responsible for the bike bridges over I-80 at the mouth of parley’s canyon) discussed his group’s efforts to put a trail from the bridges over I-80 and connect with the Jordan river trail. There is currently a problem at the Roper rail yards at Andy Ave. Apparently there seems to be some problem with a UTA right of way in order for the trail to move along at that junction. Lou Melini has written a letter on behalf of the MBAC for PRATT. The county mayor and counsel are all aware of the issues. This is a very important piece of the east/west connecting route from Parleys Canyon to the Jordan River Parkway.

5. All cyclists should look at the Master Plan and point out a “top 5 or top 10” wish list to guide the city’s transportation department. Also do not hesitate to notify the city transportation dept. or the MBAC regarding potholes or other road concerns that make your cycling hazardous.

6. The National Bike Summit for the League of American Bicyclists is happening in March. The MBAC will help with expenses for someone to go. Anyone interested?

7. Bike week meeting will be held on Jan 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Shaina at [Squinn@rideuta.com](mailto:Squinn@rideuta.com) if you would like to be involved. Bike week will be held May 12-19<sup>th</sup>.

8. Malcolm Campbell discussed state legislation that is being looked at by the Utah Bicycle Coalition that may be of interest to cyclists.
9. Lou Melini introduced a concept for cyclists to “adopt a bike lane or trail” as a way for cyclists to help fellow cyclists. This was met with a mixture of support and criticism. Though the city does sweep bike lanes, Lou noted it is only budgeted for twice a year and more cleaning would be helpful. Obtaining a critical number of volunteers to commit to a minimum of twice yearly maintenance may be difficult and there may be some liability issues that need to be addressed. Some bike specific facilities are not maintained at all such as the Bonneville Shoreline bridges over I-80. Lou has been chipping away by cleaning up some of the debris washed onto the bike trail. At this time the MBAC hopes that cyclists will look at their local neighborhood and put forth a personal effort to clean up any bike lanes/trails for their fellow cyclists in an unofficial capacity.
10. Discussion was held as to what to do regarding garbage cans in bike lanes. Jordan will look into this perhaps by having the garbage pick-up department staple notices on the trash cans reminding homeowners not to block bike lanes. Other thoughts were to put notices in the bills sent to homeowners asking to place the trash cans outside of bike lanes.
11. University- a planner has been chosen to put together the University bike plan.
12. A brief discussion was held on bike helmets. Lou discussed what has been done and where the MBAC stands.